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SUBJECT: YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING

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1. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS DISCUSSED GIST OF EMBASSY CONCERNS WITH NEW YFU EXEC PHILIP YASINSKI. PUZZLED BY IDENTICAL WORDING REFTEL AND PRIVATE CABLE LONSDALE-YASINSKI. YASINSKI NOTES THAT AS OF JULY 19 NO DOCUMENTATION RE BOLIVIAN CANDIDATES RECEIVED IN ANN ARBOR.

2. FYI THE YFU ADMINISTRATION, AT THE URGING OF THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS CU, IS IN THE PROCESS OF RADICAL REFORM TO CORRECT YEARS OF ADMINISTRATIVE INCOMPETENCE. BOLIVIAN AGREEMENT CONCLUDED WITH EARLIER TEAM AND PRICE QUOTED FAR TOO LOW, HENCE YFU ACCEPTANCE OF STUDENTS AT THAT FIGURE WILL INVOLVE LOSS OF \$200 EACH, WHICH DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY IN LIGHT CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS AND VIRTUAL BANKRUPTCY. FURTHERMORE, PLACEMENTS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN THIS YEAR FOR VARIOUS REASONS, TO EXTENT THAT YFU SHORT ALMOST 1000 PLACES AS OF TODAY.

3. NOT WITHSTANDING THE ABOVE COMMENTS RE FINANCIAL
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PROBLEMS, ETC. IF EMBASSY FEELS STRONGLY, YFU WILLING

MEET SUGGESTED FIGURE OF 25 BOLIVIANS. DEPARTMENT
SUGGESTS HOWEVER THAT EMBASSY TAKE THIS OCCASION TO ASSESS

LOCAL COMMITTEE, FINANCIAL SITUATION, AND PROSPECTS
FOR A BETTER PROGRAM, OF CALIBRE EQUIVALENT TO AMERICAN
FIELD SERVICE. NEW YFU ADMINISTRATION WILL NEED
ASSISTANCE OF THIS SORT TO COME TO FUTURE DECISIONS
ABOUT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PROGRAMS. RUSH

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